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Silent Night, Holy Night

JOSEPH MOHR

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and
Child.

Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angel sing,
"Alleluia! hail the King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born."

Silent night, holy night,
Guiding star, lend thy light;
See the eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.



HOLY NIGHT

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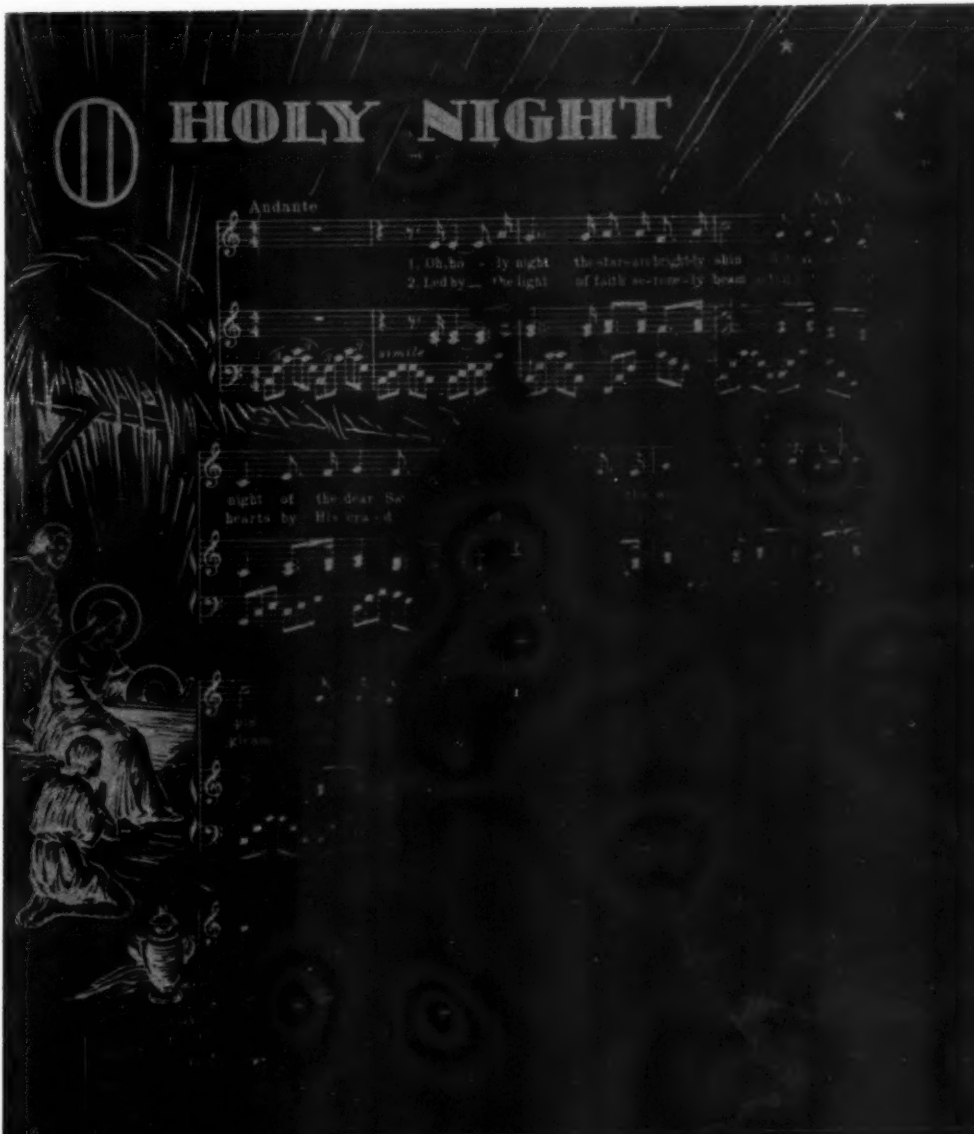
1. Oh, ho - ly night the stars are brightly shin - ing
2. Led by the light of faith so true - ly born

Andante

night of the dear Son
Hearts by His gra - ce

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On behalf of the entire staff of the Publications Department, it gives me great joy to extend to you sincere wishes for the most delightful Christmas season you have ever enjoyed. May we realize that though this world is torn with war and strife, it is still possible for us as individuals to have the peace of God, that passeth all understanding, in our minds and hearts, that was provided for us through the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus, God's Son, whose birth should be celebrated in the fear of God, with all the respect, sincerity, adoration, and holiness of heart that a Christian is capable of manifesting.

J. D. Bright.



OUR GREATEST GIFT

By NORA BELL HARVEY

As Christmas Day is drawing near,
And we our gifts of love bestow;
May we not forget the greatest gift
That God gave to us so long ago.

Heaven lost its greatest treasure;
The world gained its greatest friend;
Shades of night did finally vanish
As a glad new day began.

All the prophets had foretold it—
This glorious day, this glad event;
And when God's time clock brought the hour,
The Christ, our Lord, from heaven was sent.

As in my mind I draw a picture
Of that Babe on Christmas morn,
I always see a cross of sorrow,
A bleeding side, a crown of thorns.

I see a kind and loving Saviour
With outstretched hands to you and me,
Saying, "Bring to me your heavy burdens;
I'll always love and care for thee."

And then I see a King triumphant,
As He comes to earth once more,
On a cloud of power and glory,
Where He shall reign forevermore.

Then we shall see Him face to face,
This same Christ who went away,
So with every Christmas greeting,
Let's for His love and favor pray.



The prophets foretold it;
The angels announced it;
The wise men believed it;
Christians have experienced it—
The greatest event of all time,
The bringing of good tidings of great joy to all people:

"Unto you a Saviour is born which is Christ the Lord."

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to every one is our greetings to you.

—H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.



To all the Ministers, Members and Friends of the Church of God:

We wish you a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," Luke 2:11. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee," Numbers 6:24.

Rev. and Mrs. Zeno C. Tharp
Asst. General Overseer and Wife.



Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

On this sacred occasion we should bow and give glory to God for the privilege of having the opportunity of serving Him. This day has been celebrated by mankind for centuries. Many celebrate it by drinking and indulging in sin in general, but we who are Christians know this is a day for prayer and thankfulness.

The entire force of the Publishing House wishes for each of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Let us bow our heads and ask God to help our men who are away from fathers, mothers, or wives, and children on the battlefield this day.—Cecil Bridges, Business Manager.

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5. Emphasize to your members the particular value of the coupons for which we receive double payment.

We appreciate what coupons you have sent us in the past, and we now want to have you share with us the pleasure of surpassing all previous records.

William F. Dych, Superintendent
Church of God Orphanage
Sevierville, Tennessee

THE GYPSY CARAVAN MISSION

It was in 1935 that I wandered out to a Gypsy camp for the first time, and very soon it became clear to me that in order to do successful work among this people, one must meet them on their own level and learn to understand their conception of things.

In order to get to know them I would have to live among them, accompany them and become one of them in their special environment. In other words, I must become a Gypsy. After having been with them for a long time, winning their confidence and finally becoming one of them, I found their hearts gradually opening to me.



Let your light so shine before
men that they may . . . glorify
your Father who is in heaven.
—Matt. 5:16

The Gypsies are a caravan people, mystical, superstitious and suspicious, and will not readily permit outsiders to come too close. Their centuries-old secret and partly heathen laws are extremely severe, and woe unto that Gypsy who transgresses them. Johan Dimetri Taikon, the great Gypsy leader in Sweden (who has recently died), very kindly commended me to the Gypsies in America, and they have met me most sincerely.

Perhaps it is not customary in this great city of modern times that anyone should walk about, searching and looking for homes where a church service might be held. In wandering about in New York City, in the great poverty-stricken slums, where there are Gypsies in great numbers, the Lord has, in a special way, made us to understand that the hour for mission work for the salvation of the Gypsies is NOW, and we must hasten to gather the sheaves into the heavenly barns, sheaves that have ripened unto harvest.

What we are now experiencing among the Gypsies in New York, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia is of such an exceedingly serious nature that it stirs our hearts. During my many years with this people, I have never met with anything like it. The Gypsies are beginning to inquire the way to Christ and how to find Him.

Whenever we come to their homes, there is an atmosphere of expectancy and humble gratefulness, and they show us great kindness and respect. They listen to us quietly,

reverently, and with deep feeling, and we are conscious of the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. When we read to them from the holy Gospels we perceive how the Word of God becomes real, giving life to hearts that are thirsting, and very soon it begins to germinate. No one comes to them to help them and to show them the way to Him Who alone is able to give peace to their hearts; therefore, their craving and longing for peace has been to them something mysterious which they have not been able to explain.

The Gypsies are children of the moment, and very impulsive. Their spiritual experiences are spontaneous and immediate. When the Gypsy's innermost being comes into contact with things divine, and he becomes conscious of the presence of God, he opens his heart, and, with his emotional mind, he will embrace at once the Gospel and believe it, and his heart will experience a wonderful peace.

As we were visiting a Russian Gypsy family one evening, it came to pass that a Gypsy woman suddenly arose, praising God with raised hands! God had come into her heart.

An old and sick Gypsy man in Philadelphia experienced the same thing, and with tears he began to praise the Lord. A young man in the same home stood up and, folding his hands, began to pray aloud to God. An impressive sight! The woman in the home took our hand and asked us to return soon.

Christ revealed Himself in indescribable glory to a young Gypsy in New York. In the same hour he was filled with wonderful joy and peace. When he testified to us of these things in the presence of several Gypsies, we realized he had had an exceedingly precious experience, and he finished by triumphantly saying: "Now I steal no more."

I should like to mention, also, something about the wonderful times we have as we gather the children for meetings, but here I become aware of how difficult it is to describe it, because they are hours of a very special and singular art.

With sparkling eyes, the small children sit with rapt attention, quiet and still, twenty, thirty of them, so happy and interested in our simple arrangements. It has even happened that the children have come running to meet us on the sidewalk, embracing us, and bringing us to their homes.

Dear friends of the mission work: We have in this country alone tens of thousands of Gypsies who have never heard one word of the Lord Jesus. No one has gone to their homes in order to spread light and happiness, no one with a little love left over for the neglected and perishing!

May God have mercy! We must give the bread of Life to these hungry hearts. May the love of Christ constrain us. Pray for the mission work among the Gypsies and their children.—Yours for the salvation of the Gypsies, "Rigo Lajos," Otto Berglund.

GIVE FLOWERS NOW

*Closed eyes can't see the white roses;
Cold hands can't hold them, you
know!*

*Breath that is stilled can not gather
The odors that sweet from them
blow.*

*Death with a peace beyond dreaming
Its children of earth doth endow;
Life is the time we can help them;
So give them the flowers now!*

*Here are the struggles and striving;
Here are the cares and the tears;
Now is the time to be smoothing
The frowns and the furrows and
fears.*

*What, to closed ears, are kind sayings?
What, to hushed heart, is deep vow?
Naught can avail after parting—
So give them the flowers now.*

A LETTER FROM A SOLDIER

Dear Brother Bright: I take this opportunity to write you. It may be that you won't remember me but I have never forgotten you. I was a member of the Alabama City, Ala., Church of God when you were there. My name is Francis Turner, the son of Sister Livie Rowe.

As you will remember, I came to the Lord in the meeting when Brother Mortenson was there. I received a great blessing, was saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, but, as you know, the devil is going to and fro in the world seeking whom he may devour. In a short time I had lost that great blessing, and the church had to turn me out. Oh, how I wish that I had been strong enough to stand and overcome the devil. But I thank the Lord that He is a wonderful and merciful God.

After I left Gadsden I went to Columbus, Ga. In the meantime I married a wonderful girl, but all this time the Lord was whipping me, and I was running from Him. I was so miserable. But thanks to Him, I finally sought the Lord and called the church in Columbus, where Brother N. B. Norris was pastor, and they told me how to get to the church. I will never forget that night. The Lord wonderfully saved me and my wife, and I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, my wife receiving the gift later, at Murray's Chapel in Alabama. At this writing I have been enjoying the blessings of the Lord for almost three years, and each day gets sweeter. I know His coming is near. I am now in the Far East, on the island of Okinawa, with the Army engineers of the Air Corps. I miss the church so much, but we have a chapel here, and I go there to worship. It is not so bad here except the need for the full gospel. The opportunity is great for a mission here for the winning of men to Christ. It has been on my heart for some time to write you and ask if the Church would send someone over here as a missionary from the Church

of God.

I close now, wishing you and those dear to you the best, and may God bless you.—Sgt. Dewey F. Turner, H-S Co., 808th, E. A. B., APO 239-1, P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

Note: Let us pray for Brother Turner and his wife. They are good people from good families.



THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

*The stage is set for a drama rare;
Signs are prevalent and fill the air,
Telling the world, soon the heavens
will ring*

*In honor of the birthday of our King,
Born in a manger so bare and cold,
Yet the wise men carried thither
myrrh and gold;*

*The shepherds, too, left the sheep in
the lurch,
To begin for the Messiah a fruitful
search.*

*Led to His crib from the hills afar,
By heaven's most beautiful gleaming
star.*

*Church of God, proclaim the story of
the Babe
Who brought deliverance to many a
slave.*

*The greatest Gift was brought to all
Who on His name would humbly call.*

Floyd D. Carey, Atlanta, Ga.

NOTICES

There will be no EVANGEL printed for December 30. The MACEDONIAN CALL issue of the EVANGEL will be January 13.

If you are a young Christian single lady, who is talented both instrumentally and vocally, and free to travel full time beginning April 1, 1951, with a Church of God lady evangelist, please contact me by letter at your earliest convenience. I need one soprano and one alto voice. Each must be able to play either piano or accordion.—Molly Sellers, 207 Rutledge Ave., Charleston, S. C.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please pray very much for my husband who has met with a terrible accident in a foundry. He was scalded from the top of his head to his waistline, and some of the burns are third degree.—Mrs. McKnight, South Elm Street, Orrville, Ohio.

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DECLARATION OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.

5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

Christmas Greetings from LEE COLLEGE



Christmas greetings are always full of meaning for those who can comprehend the significance of sacred history. At a time when our world seems on the brink of war, with all the horrors, death, deprivation, and indescribable misery which it would bring, it is with simple faith and humility that I wish for each and all of you a blessed Christmas and a new year in which there may be a new birth of freedom under God for all mankind.—J. Stewart Brinsfield, President.

The Board of Directors, Administration, Faculty, and Staff of Lee College unite in expressing our thanks for your support and cooperation during the past year, and in wishing all a Blessed and Memorable Christmas Season and a Prosperous and Worthwhile New Year.

As the dark ominous clouds of war hang over us at this time, and millions of hearts are troubled because of the fearful prospects of giving another son or loved one to be sacrificed on the battle field, this season—Christmas—has special significance. The One whose birth we celebrate offers the only ray of light that shines for the world today. The Prince of Peace offers the only hope for troubled minds and hearts, in this hour of peril. As we face this dark period, knowing that our long-cherished American freedom and liberties are threatened, let us all pray earnestly that God will give our leaders wisdom and strength to cope with the problems that face us, and to keep our country at peace and pre-

serve our precious heritage.

We are very thankful for another good year at Lee College, and wish to express our appreciation to all for their support of this great school. I am happy for this means of expressing to each of you my sincere wishes for a joyous and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

—J. D. Free, Treasurer.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all of you in a very personal way for all you have done for Lee College, and thus for me, during the past year. May your Christmas season be made brighter by the knowledge that you have celebrated Christmas throughout the year by your support and cooperation to us as we try to carry out the will of Him whose birth we celebrate during the Christmas season. May you have a very enjoyable, sober, and blessed Christmas, and may the new year hold for you the best of all that is good and worth-while.

—Lacy D. Powell, Registrar and Dean of Students.

As a new member of the administrative staff at Lee College, I wish to express my thanks for the opportunity to serve in the capacity as librarian and my greetings to all for this Christmas season. Because we worship One whose life was utter unselfishness, and because our distressed world needs the abiding values of the Christian faith, we must pray that peace may soon come to all God's people over all the earth. We must work to train our young people to find these abiding values, through which the world can be saved. This is our supreme objective at Lee College, and it is my belief that the heritage of great books and the consecrated thinking captured on the printed page can do much to assist our students in achieving this goal. The great thoughts of all the ages are theirs to enjoy; surely the inspiration of distinguished books can assist in this process.

I extend my sincere greetings at this holy season, and wish joy, happiness, and peace for all friends of Lee College.

—Mrs. A. H. Myers, Librarian.

GOD'S BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS

It is gratifying to know that in the world that has apparently forgotten or strayed afar from God, there are Christian schools whose primary objective is to train Christian workers for the field of Christian endeavor.

On a recent survey of the fall enrollment of Lee College, some very gratifying results were discovered: 42% of the college students and 13% of the high-school students stated definite intentions of becoming full-time Christian ministers or workers; 28% of the college and 17% of the high-school students stated that they had some other definite plan; 29% of the college and 70% of the high-school students were not definite about vocational plans.

Judging from past records, it seems logical to assume that many of the high-school and college students presently undecided about a vocation will feel that they should go into full-time Christian work. Assuming that all students enrolled in the Division of Religious Education are planning for full-time Christian work, we are relatively safe in saying that 50% of the entire student body of Lee College have definite plans for full-time Christian work and that possibly another 25%, at least, will join their ranks by the time their education has been completed.

It is gratifying to know that we, at Lee College, are privileged to promote Christian education to this degree. Many of those who have plans for some other vocation will, in all probability, go back to their local churches as Sunday School teachers, superintendents, etc.

I believe the above figures substantiate the statement that "God's business is our business."

SERMON OUTLINE BOOK

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The Birth of Christ Jesus

By MRS. RUTH STARNES, Greenwood, S. C.

Luke 2:7, "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

The story of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem is an old and familiar one, but we shall never be able to say the last word about it. It is an old, old story, yet ever new. The birth of our Lord was unique in the history of man. We begin our existence at birth, but Christ was before the worlds were created. He lived from all eternity. He says of Himself, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." One writer has said that He was not God indwelling man, not man deified, but a combination of God and man in one personality. In other words, He was God manifest in the flesh. John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

The genealogy of our Lord, as recorded by Matthew, has been very profitable to us. The story is told of a Mohammedan in Southern India who said he was first drawn to faith in Christ by reading His genealogy. He said such a procession of names must lead up to a mighty name, so, by studying Matthew's record of our Lord's genealogy he gained faith in God. The late David Baron said, "This is an indisputable fact that the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the last in Jewish history whose descent from the royal line can now be established by sufficiently authentic proof." History tells us that at the destruction of the second temple the national genealogical records perished, so the only records which have been preserved are those proving our Lord's descent from David found in the New Testament.

The theme of the Old Testament is the coming of the Son of God into the world. As early as Gen. 3:15, God said to the serpent, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." This was God's initial assertion that He was going to bring the creation of man to a success through the seed of the woman, and that seed was Christ.

All through the Old Testament there were promises of Christ's coming into the world. Isa. 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you

a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the governments shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Malachi was the last of the Old Testament prophets. He thundered out a denunciation against the sins of Israel and then said, in Malachi 3:1, "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts." There were about four hundred silent years from Malachi before the birth of Christ, in which there was no spiritual revival and no prophet to lead the people to repentance. But the promises of the Old Testament prophets, of the coming of the Messiah, were a comfort for the people to lean upon during these dark days.

At the time of Christ's birth, Augustus Caesar was emperor of Rome, and Herod the Great was king of Judea, subject to Rome. This Roman domination was galling. The very presence of the Roman soldiers, laws, and money ever reminded the people of their subjection to a foreign government, when, according to Old Testament prophecies, they should be free and themselves rulers of the world. The Jewish hopes of a Redeemer, of throwing off their bondage, of becoming the glorious nation, promised them by the prophets, was in the very air they breathed. God's providence had prepared the world for His coming, and this was the fittest time in all history for His coming into the world. All the world was subject to one government, so the apostles would be free to travel everywhere, hence the door of every land was open for the gospel. Then the world was at peace, so the gospel could have free course. The Greek language was spoken everywhere with other languages, so it would be easy to preach the gospel.

Zacharias and Elizabeth were two righteous people, who walked blameless before the Lord at this time, according to scripture. They were childless and well stricken in age. Perhaps in their younger life they had prayed for children, but now they must have given up all hope of ever having any



Mrs. Ruth Starnes

children. According to the custom in those days, Zacharias went into the temple to burn incense before the Lord. While performing this priestly duty, the angel of the Lord appeared to him and told him that Elizabeth would bear him a son, and they should call his name John. Luke 1:15-17, "... He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." John was to be the forerunner of Christ as prophesied by Malachi. He was to prepare the people to accept Christ when He came. The result of John's preaching would be reconciliation and restoration of harmony to the broken life of Israel.

In Luke 1:26-31, we are told, "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS." Mary did not fully understand what the angel said, but the angel said further, in Luke 1:35, "The Holy Ghost shall

come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." After this Mary was submissive to God's word. Mary visited Elizabeth for the first three months following her visit by the angel. When she returned to Nazareth, and Joseph learned of her condition, it must have filled him with strange and agonized perplexity. But he was a good man and not willing to make Mary a public example of scandal and disgrace; he was minded to put her away privily. While he thought on these things the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream and explained Mary's condition; so Joseph, being raised from sleep, took unto him his wife and protected her until her time was accomplished.

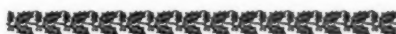
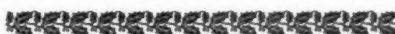
After those days there went out a decree from Augustus Caesar that all the world should be taxed. Mary and Joseph were of the house and lineage of David, therefore it was necessary for them to go to Bethlehem to be taxed. God had foretold through the prophet Micah that Christ, the King of Israel, was to be born in Bethlehem, Micah 5:2, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Thus the decree of the Roman emperor helped the fulfillment of God's Word. The birthplace of Jesus was a center of historic associations. It was the city of David, Rachel's burying place, the home of Ruth. Fifteen miles to the south was Hebron, the home of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It was the seat of David's throne for four hundred years. It was the scene of the ministry of Isaiah and Jeremiah. Here was the center of God's age-long effort to reveal Himself to mankind.

Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem after a safe journey. Out on the hillside a little east of Bethlehem, a few humble shepherds were keeping night watch over their sheep, leading the flocks away from the danger of the rugged precipice and protecting them from the beasts and robbers. These shepherds must have been devout Jews and perhaps they talked of the coming Messiah as they watched their sheep that night. They might have said, one to the other, that little Bethlehem of Judea, their own village, plainly visible in the bright night, was to be highly honored, for had not the prophet said that out of her should come a governor who would rule the people? As they talked among themselves, a dazzling light from heaven came pouring down upon them, and with it an innumerable host of heavenly beings came bringing a message most strangely sweet—tidings of a Saviour's birth. After the departure of the angels the shepherds set out to find the newborn King.

The city was crowded with people

that night who had come for the great taxation. Joseph sought a room for his wife, but all the rooms were full, so Joseph and Mary had to share the shelter of the beasts of burden. It was time for Mary to be delivered of her child, so Christ was born that night in the manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes, because there was no room for them in the inn. This Son of David that was the glory of His Father's house had no inheritance in the city to which to look. Think of our Saviour, the greatest jewel of heaven, crowded out of the inn, having a feed trough for His cradle!

Jesus Christ is the center of the world's history, as He is the center of Bible history and teachings. The happiness of man lies in an acquaintance with God. There is no comfortable intercourse between a holy God and sinful man but in and by a Mediator. Our Mediator is Christ. As a human He reaches down to our nature, sympathizes with us, shows us that God knows our feelings, weak-



nesses, sorrows, and heartaches, and brings God near to us. He spans the great chasm between God and man.

Jesus was God's Gift to a lost world. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In His life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live. In His death, He is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins. In His resurrection, He is a conqueror. In His intercession, He is a high priest. What a wonderful gift we have in Christ! Sin and death were linked together in the beginning. When Adam sinned, the human race passed under this great condemnation, but Jesus came to rescue us. When we go to the Bethlehem manger and see the Infant, Christ, we see the great plan and purpose of God coming to maturity. In that Babe's body was incarnate God, dwelling among us. As we go to His baptismal service, we behold the same creative plan in progress. As we stand by the cross and see Him dying, we see God's purpose of re-

demption being fulfilled. Christ satisfied the Father by giving Himself, and cried, "It is finished!" As we stand by the empty tomb, we see God putting on the great confirmation of His redemptive grace. The resurrection gives us an ever-living Christ and a satisfied God. From that day on God has made the message of His redemptive gospel a potent and powerful message by the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Jesus came into the world as a light. Isa. 9:2, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John said, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." Light is the emblem of all that is gracious and good, and it alone has the power of dispelling darkness. The visible light of the world is the sun, and Christ is the Sun of Righteousness. It is our duty to follow Him. Outside of Christ is darkness, despair, and gloom. It is not enough to look at this Light and gaze upon it, but we must follow it, believe and walk in it. Many today follow false lights, but Christ is the true Light. The life of Christ, like the light of the sun, reveals His own hidden glory and power. Christ brought forth light on the dark problems of human history, light on man's future and eternal destiny. The higher the hilltop on which we stand, the longer will the shadow of our presence be. The higher we climb into the light and likeness of Christ, the deeper and farther will the shadow of our influence reach for Him. If we would maintain intercourse with heaven, we must frequently withdraw from the business of this world. If we would have a transforming fellowship with God, we must lift our hearts up and seek things above.

Jesus came into the world to save lost mankind. Animal sacrifices were insufficient, but Jesus proved to be the perfect atonement for sin. Judged by human standards of success, the life of Christ seemed a pathetic failure. Born in a manger, He was buried in a borrowed grave. His parents were poor peasants, and for thirty years He lived in an obscure village of Palestine, working as a carpenter. His teachings were hated and scoffed at by the theologians of that day. His followers came from the very lowest level of society. His intimate friends misunderstood Him, and, in the end, like cowards, let Him die alone at the hand of his enemies. He never wrote a book, commanded an army, addressed a senate, spoke to an applauding parliament. He never occupied a throne. At the age of thirty-three years, He died in torture, nailed up against the sky between two thieves. What a pathetic picture! Yet, Christ spoke about Himself in a way that was simply dumbfounding. He asserted He was a teacher whose teachings

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Editorials...

GOD GAVE

One of the most inspiring, lovable, likeable features of Christmas is that it is a season of giving and receiving. Although the true spirit of giving is greatly abused by some who give with only the thought in mind of receiving or exchanging gifts, actuated by the selfish thought of the material value only in the things that they give or receive, yet, we should like to think that by far the majority, especially Christians, are prompted by the divine spirit that has made Christmas possible.

One of the most beneficent characteristics of God, as related to the poor human race, is not only His ability to give, but His willingness to give to man what he needs, abundantly, graciously, and freely. It was God who made the man and then made the woman and gave her to him to be his helpmeet. It was God who also gave to the man and woman a beautiful, fruitful garden in which to live. In fact, look above, look about, look beneath, look within, and look without; everything you see is in existence because God gave it. Surely David was right when he said, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and, again, "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desires of every living thing."

Turning to the ninth chapter of Nehemiah, we hear him speaking out of a heart filled with gratitude to the Israelites in an effort to remind them of God's benevolent kindness to them in the days gone by, and by so doing inspire their hearts with the consciousness of the fact that He was still with them in the dark hours of their rehabilitation program in Jerusalem, after many years of captivity. In verse seven he reminds them that God changed Abram's name to Abraham, thus promoting him from the *father of multitudes* to *father of nations*. In verse thirteen they are reminded that God came down upon Mt. Sinai and *gave* to them right judgments, *gave* to them true law, *gave* to them good statutes, *gave* to them commandments. In verse fifteen, God is given praise for having *given* Israel bread during their wilderness wanderings, even bread from heaven. He is given credit for having *given* them water out of the rock. In verse twenty, the name of God Almighty is extolled and praised for having *given* to them His good spirit to instruct them; and in verse twenty-one, "Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not." Although Israel had been in captivity, it was time for them to remember that before their sin and folly God had given to them kingdoms and nations, so that they possessed the land of Sihon, the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og, king of Bashan, and that Israel had multiplied like the stars of heaven. This reminiscing was certainly inspiring to Israel, and built up their faith and courage in their dark and trying days, yet there was a darkness that had been swung over the world from the transgression of Adam and Eve to last right on until God's glorious light for the world was given—Christ Jesus.

Nehemiah looked back to what God had *given* to His people, Israel, but Isaiah looked forward to what God would *give*, not only to Israel, but to the entire human family; and he saw this seven hundred years or more before God bestowed the gift. Listen to his hope-giving, heart-cheering prophecy in chapter 7:14, "Therefore the

Lord himself shall *give* you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"; that is, "God with us." Some have said that in relation to the Old Testament in respect to this thought, one could say, "*God without us*." But here was the promise that there would come a time when God would be *with us*, the human family, in the person of His only begotten Son. Then Isaiah saw another vision in a matter of, perhaps, two years. This is his vision: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is *given*." Notice what he said in the beginning: "*Unto us a son is given*." Its fulfillment is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he *gave* his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

You remember Paul said, "For when the fullness of the time was come, *God sent forth his Son* made of a woman, made under the law." And it was James, the great pastor, who said, "For every good and perfect *gift* cometh down from above from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Therefore, because God *gave*, we have Jesus Christ, and because we have Jesus Christ, we have Christmas.

Christ Gave

This thing of divine *giving* did not stop with the *giving* of Jesus Christ. In fact, through Him, God put on an expansion program of *giving*. In the first place, we must realize that God not only *gave Jesus*, but *Jesus Christ gave Himself*. In fact, the shepherds never would have heard the angelic choir over the hills of Judea on that holy night, which sent them along the winding paths, lit by moon and starlight, to the Bethlehem manger to find Christ, as God's Son, had He not been willing to be incarnated in human flesh and bear the human name "Jesus." Oh, the beauty of these words: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." But these words never could have been uttered had He not become the condescending Christ, as described by Paul in Phil. 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

Let us go back to Nehemiah, the ninth chapter, verse twenty-seven, "Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou *gavest them saviours*, who saved them out of the land of their enemies." Here God is given praise and credit for having given to Israel not just a saviour—Moses—but Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha, David, Samson, and many other great saviours, who saved them out of their troubles. But the angelic choir that sang over the Judean hills gave a message of the *Saviour*, not saviours. Listen to their message: "The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Gabriel had told Joseph that he should call Mary's son *Jesus*: "Ye shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from

their sins." What did the holy man Simeon say when he was led by the Spirit into the Temple, into which the child Jesus was brought for consecration? "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Simeon was aware of the fact that his hope, the hope of all the faithful ones of Israel, had been fulfilled in this Child that was now before him. What did Jesus say during His ministry, about His great mission? Notice, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Thus, Jesus gave Himself. Listen to the words of the Lord Jesus in St. John 10:11, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Now verses seventeen and eighteen, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." You remember on another occasion the Lord Jesus said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." This is what Paul the apostle had to say about the greatest being that God has ever sent to this world: "The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me." So, let us not forget the fact that as God gave Christ to become Jesus, Jesus gave Himself to become the Saviour of the world, and it is this Saviour that we honor on this great Christmas Day.

Christians Give

Yes, God gave; Christ Jesus gave; and Christians give. I know that sinners give, also, but of all the people in the world who should know really how to give, what to give, when to give, and how much to give, it is the Christian. In fact, I fear that if the Christians were raptured and taken out of the world, the trend of giving that would go on in this world would be rather humiliating and embarrassing. If the philosophy of the Lord Jesus was adhered to, "Freely ye have received, freely give," how much better off this world would be. There is so much selfishness and greed today that really, if the church does not assert itself and demonstrate the Christian spirit of giving, the world will soon lose one of its greatest standards of social ethics—giving. A person may be a neighbor and yet not

be a good neighbor. A good neighbor is a Christian neighbor, and a Christian neighbor is a *giving neighbor*, not just at Christmas time, but all the time.

A friend of a very wealthy man saw a good opportunity for him to make a worth-while investment by contributing to a worthy cause, so he wrote to this friend and propositioned him on the matter; but, to his utter surprise, his friend wrote back quite an insulting letter. The man's first impulse was to sit right down and write a letter, bawling his wealthy friend out for the attitude he had taken toward his proposition; but, upon second thought, he read the letter over carefully and noticed especially the statement, "My objection to you Christians is that the only thing you think about is give, give, give." Then he did write the man a letter, but instead of rebuking him he thanked him for having passed one of the greatest compliments that could be thought of on him and all other Christians.

Did you ever take time to think of what would happen if the spirit of giving should fail to move hearts throughout this world for just one day. Millions would suffer from hunger; millions would suffer from cold and various deprivations; millions would suffer from sickness and affliction. Not only that, but if the spirit of missions should cease to move the hearts of men and women on behalf of the heathen for even one day, think of the souls who are hearing the gospel who would go into eternity without hearing it. Yet, doing what we are, millions are dying without the knowledge of Jesus Christ every day, week, month, and year.

May God, the Giver of His Son, Christ Jesus, whose immaculate, holy birth we celebrate during this season, help us to give ourselves more fully in love and devotion to Him and His Church.

Sister Bright and the children join me in wishing for the *Evangel* family a very Merry Christmas.

JOY IS THANKSGIVING

The poet who wrote "Joy is the grace we say to God," has suggested the most acceptable thanksgiving. Words of thankfulness sound very unconvincing if delivered in a melancholy voice, and hymns of praise from lips that droop disconsolately mean nothing at all. It is the girl who smiles and sings and enjoys her work and her play who is really thankful to the Giver of all good gifts.—*The Presbyterian National*.

OUR GUESTS

Rev. Houston R. Morehead,
General Secretary and Treasurer,
and Family

Reading from left to right, front row: Philip, 10; Rev. and Mrs. Morehead; and Larry, 8. Back row, left to right: Richard, 17; Janice, 12; and Danny, 15. Brother Morehead is not only serving the Church in a very efficient manner, but he and his family have added much joy and service to Cleveland.





The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psalms 23:1, 2.

The text which I wish to use tonight is the fourth verse of the fifth chapter of Micah. "And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth." We want to think together on "Christ, Our Glorious Shepherd King."

Micah, who lived and prophesied between 740 and 700 B. C., was known as the Moreshehite because he lived at Moresheh near Lachish on the border of Philistia, about thirty miles southwest of Jerusalem. He was a contemporary of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, also of the prophets Isaiah and Hosea. He was preaching in his community the same truths, the same doctrines that Isaiah was preaching in Jerusalem and Hosea in Israel. We have many strong and wonderful statements on the spiritual truths and ethical standards that God furnished to bless and guide His people, Israel. We see them throughout this wonderful prophecy. We have a number of outstanding predictions of things to come. One of them is the place where Christ should be born, naming the place as Bethlehem in Judah. Then we have definite reference to His birth as that upon which all Israel waited until "she which travaileth hath brought forth." Then, finally, we have this glorious scene of Christ as the Shepherd King unfolded before our view in the text which I have read. We want to look at this vision of Christ as our Shepherd King.

We should like to think first upon the continuing reign and ministry of Christ, our glorious Shepherd King.

"He shall stand and feed." He rules like a shepherd. Let us see Him as He takes the position that represents stability, that represents the fact that He is in a commanding position in which He may see and direct all the affairs of His kingdom.

Christ, Our Glorious Shepherd King

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Let us observe His character as He ministers as the Shepherd King. Earthly rulers often are tyrants, imposing heavy yokes and hard and cruel bondage. But His yoke is easy. His burden is light. His service is perfect freedom. No person has such a prince as those who have made Christ their King and have crowned Him Lord of all. Inasmuch as He ever liveth, there is no danger that His dominion will ever have an end. We are told in the prophecy of Daniel that His dominion is one that will not end, that His is a kingdom that will never be destroyed. Follow Him, and you are safe. Sleep at His feet; no lion can disturb. Let Him feed you, and there is no loss. Live close to Him and know the thrill of pure and perfect delight. He shall stand and feed; He shall see; He shall rule. He knows all. He feels the need of all. He graciously provides for all. He Himself feeds us, and the wonderful provisions which He has made to satisfy the hunger of His people, the hunger of the human race, are marvelous, indeed. Jesus Christ is the only Being who has ever challenged the universal hunger of the human race, and stands in a position where He can make that challenge good. He said, "I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." Jesus Christ challenges the hunger of the whole human race, and He has the provisions to satisfy that hunger that is so deep and so real and so gnawing in the hearts of all who are unsaved. He is ready to satisfy that hunger tonight, and feed the famishing souls of the millions of this earth, if they will look to Him, and if they will come to Him, and if they will believe on Him.

He not only feeds and provides for His own, but He has provided under-shepherds. He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the work of the ministry, for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ. He has His servants feeding His flock throughout the country and around the world tonight, feeding them with the good things which He has provided in His precious, holy Word. The world is hungry for that blessing of salvation which He is able to give.

People are hungry for salvation. Jesus Christ is ready to feed their hungry hearts with a born-again experience. People are hungry for good, old-fashioned, blood-bought, Bible holiness, and Jesus Christ is ready to feed those hungry hearts with a blessed experience and a life of holiness that will satisfy.

People are hungry for the Pentecostal baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, and Jesus Christ is ready tonight to satisfy that hunger with a mighty, Pentecostal baptism with the Holy Spirit.

People are hungry for healing. They are suffering in their bodies, and Jesus Christ is ready to satisfy that hunger with that healing that He has provided in His atonement which will make us well in our bodies.

People are hungry too for the fellowship that flows among the hearts that are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and cleansed and filled with the Spirit and delighting in all the truth of God. There are hungry hearts that long for that fellowship. Jesus Christ is ready to satisfy that hunger and He is satisfying it.

I like to think of the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is divine. Christ is God. He said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work... I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day... the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." Behold the ease with which our great Master performed His great miracles and wrought His works while He was here in the flesh. I just like to think of the ease with which He performed all of His mighty works. You know, there were the exorcists, physicians, who were busy in those days casting out demons ostensibly. One way they did it was to go out in the woods and search around until they found a certain type of root. They would dig that up out of the ground. They would cure it and dry it. They would work out a certain type of ring, beat it out, and put it in shape. Then, they would go looking for some person

demonized. When they found him, they would hold that ring before his nose, and with a great frenzy and a frantic effort they would jerk the roots through the ring, and they would work themselves up into a high pitch of some kind of hocus-pocus incantation. By that time, the devil was supposed to leave. Jesus implied that that the devil did go out in some instances, and walk through dry places. I don't know why he went unless he got disgusted with all that long, drawn-out procedure. But when Jesus came to deal with demons, He said, "Hold thy peace and come out of him, thou unclean spirit," and demons moved out instantly, because they could not resist His word. When the leper came pleading for the healing touch and said, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean," Jesus put forth His hand and touched him, saying, "I will. Be thou clean." It was against the law for a well person to touch a leper, and somebody may say that Jesus violated the law, but He didn't. When He touched the man, the man wasn't a leper, because Jesus had said, "I will. Be thou clean," and the man was instantly cleansed from his leprosy and made perfectly whole. Jesus spoke a few words and the pale water blushed into rich wine, the best of all. Jesus took the dead by the hand and spoke a few simple words, and awakened them out of death more easily than we could get our children awake in the morning. Jesus lifted a hand of rebuke, and the raging storm laid out at His feet like a whipped dog, and knew better than to create any more disturbance or agitation. Jesus spoke only a word, and diseases at distances went away and the powers of the enemy were broken. He performed His works with such ease and with such power and with such authority! The thing that thrills my soul tonight is that He is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Jesus has lost none of His power; He is able to perform it in the strength of the Lord, in the mighty power of the Living God. Divine majesty rests upon all His royal administration. He shall feed in the majesty of the name of the Lord, His God. He was meek and lowly, yes, but always majestic. There was a kingly dignity that characterized all He said and all He did. It is true that He came to the most abject poverty, but when He was born in a stable, cradled in a manger, He spread the majesty of kingly dignity and glory over the cradle in the manger, and gave it a beauty and glory that such surroundings never knew before. It's true He worked in a carpenter shop, but He spread the dignity and majesty of heaven's glory over honest toil in the place of labor and sacrifice and suffering. It is true that He walked the dusty highways of the world, but He marked those highways with the kingly footprints of God's royal Son. It is true that He rode a borrowed beast into Jerusalem, but it was a right royal procession. It is true that He died on another man's cross, but He lifted that cross, symbol of shame, to a plane of glory and dignity, and made it the throne of

redemption from which He announced the fact, "It is finished." The plan of salvation is gloriously accomplished. He slept in another man's tomb, a borrowed tomb, but He came out of that tomb and left the marks of heaven's majesty upon it. God's saints go today and stand before an empty tomb and triumphantly shout down into its recesses and say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of sin is death, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Oh, yes, He is majestic and He spreads His majesty, His royal majesty, everywhere. I feel His majestic presence in this service tonight. In my spirit I seem to sense His stately steppings up and down these aisles and across this platform and yonder in the balcony. King Jesus! Majestic Lord! I worship and adore Him tonight and feel the majesty of His presence that falls upon this congregation like a benediction.

Further, we see that because of His continuing presence and blessing, the church abides through all the years. Do you notice those words, so brief and yet so confident and so strong? "And they shall abide." This applies to God's believing people and is a truth that you can mark up as being always a truth. "They shall abide." This means that God's people shall abide in peace—not peace with the world, but always peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. And they can enjoy the blessing about which the Psalmist sang when he said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." His presence will be with His church, and His provision for her blessing and for her advancement will be upon her, and she will, in spite of all the devil's opposition, abide and make progress through the ages. It indicates the miraculous preservation of the church through all the opposition of the world and the devil.

It is one of the greatest miracles ever that there is a church on earth today. She has fought her way through the persecutions of a pagan world until she has planted the banners of King Immanuel in the capital city of the world. She has waded through blood and fire and prison to proclaim the message of salvation unto the ends of the earth. All that the devil could invent through His satanic ingenuity to dull the ardor, to discourage the spirits of God's saints, he has done. He has burned them on crosses, and he has drowned them in chilly waters, and he has confined them and they have languished long years in prison until they died in starvation and pain. He has dragged them through the streets of the cities hitched to horses until their brains were dashed out on

the cobblestones. He has drawn one fingernail from one finger one day, and another the next day, and on and on, until all of the fingernails were drawn out by the roots, and then all of the toenails by the same process. He has tormented and tortured and brought pain and agony upon God's people through the ages until it is estimated that 200,000,000 human beings have been sacrificed upon the altar of the world's hate since Jesus Christ died upon the cross of Calvary. But through it all, God's saints have marched unafraid, uncompromising, holding the torch of truth high and preaching a gospel of redemption by blood, and of resurrection through the mighty power of God, and of eternal life to all who will believe.

We are not in any mood to stop preaching that sort of gospel or to tone it down in the least degree. Some may do it, but God has always had a people (and He does now) that will not give up, but will fight the enemy, press the battle to the gates, and follow Jesus Christ through fire and flood and prison and agonizing death to that glory of immortality on the other shore. Somebody says, "Yes, but we are living in terrible days now, and we don't know what is going to become of the church." I remember the disciples of Jesus felt that way on a night on Galilee, when the storm was beating upon their little boat, and the winds were howling through its masts, and the waves were reaching up hungrily to swallow the Master and His disciples down into a watery grave. I remember how, in their terror, they came to Him and said, "Master, save us. We perish." He was one of that "us," and He was one of that "we." They thought the boat and all on board were going down. They had not yet learned that

"Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea,

*Or demons, or man, or whatever it be,
No waters can swallow the ship where
lies*

*The Master of ocean and earth and
skies.*

*They all shall sweetly obey Thy will.
Peace be still! Peace be still!"*

They hadn't learned that fact, but they learned it through this experience. I have often thought what a wonderful opportunity those men had to enjoy one storm in their lifetime; how, if they had taken seriously what He had said. He did not say, "Let us go out about midway and have a shipwreck and all of us be drowned in the Sea of Galilee." But He said, "Let us pass over unto the other side." If they had just paid good attention to that, and believed it sincerely, they could have really laughed in the face of one storm. They could have said to the winds, "Blow! Blow! Blow until you blow yourself to death! We are not afraid."

Yes, while Rome was corrupting, God had His own witnesses, and the blood of the Waldenses and the Albigenses did not smother the fires of truth, but rather fertilized the soil for spiritual growth. In the blood of the martyrs, truly, were to be found

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Gracious Revivals Thrilling Testimonies

KELLYS FERRY, Tenn.—The Church of God here enjoyed a good revival conducted by Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Ky. Brother Dagnan did some fine preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and the church was greatly revived. A number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and some healed in the special healing services during the revival. We have a new church here, and it is growing under the leadership of our fine pastor, Brother Bruce Vanoer, and his wife. They are fine folks and are doing a good work here. Please pray for us to do more for God.—Mrs. B. M. Shipley, Reporter.

LEWISTON, Idaho—We have just enjoyed a revival conducted by Brother Johnnie Thomson, our tri-state youth director. He had good success while here, and I believe he will wherever he goes. The saints were blessed by his powerful and inspirational messages. Several souls were saved and sanctified. Brother Goff is our tri-state overseer. He also visited us and was a great blessing. Brother Coleman is our pastor.—David Frye, Young People's Leader.

ADEL, Ga.—We have just had a revival here. There were 16 saved, 9 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. I preached the first 2 weeks, and Evangelist Rev. Joe Sikes, of Florida, preached the last 2 weeks. Brother Sikes is a good evangelist and the church was blessed by this revival.—E. W. Ashmore, Pastor.

ERWIN, N. C.—The Church of God at Erwin has just had the greatest revival in the history of the church. Rev. A. V. Childers came here with his big gospel tent, and this town was moved toward God. The very first night there was a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and many were in the altar seeking blessings of God. I don't recall a single night when someone didn't receive a blessing. Large crowds came forward at the altar invitation. One night I saw over eighty come. Many nights the Holy Ghost would work so that Brother Childers would give an altar call in the middle of a sermon. Some nights he did not preach at all. We don't know how many were saved, sanctified, or received the Holy Ghost. We could not keep up with them, but 40

joined the church. One man of the Catholic faith was saved and joined the church. He is planning to enter Lee College in January. The church was greatly revived. We are looking forward to having Brother Childers with us again next summer, if Jesus tarries.—Henry Turnage.

APOPKA, Fla.—We thank the Lord for a wonderful revival we recently had, with Sister Stansky as the evangelist. There were 56 saved, 23 sanctified, 14 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 28 baptized in water, and 28 added to the church. This was the best revival the church has had in many years, according to many people. During the revival the Sunday School reached its highest mark in the history of the church. Previously, the highest was about 150, and during the revival it went to 259. Anyone would do well to get Brother and Sister Stansky for a

BAXLEY, Ga.—I praise the Lord because He has been so sweet and real to me. We have just closed a revival at Zion with Catherine Croft as our evangelist. We all learned to love that precious child of God. She was such a humble and consecrated person, and was a real blessing to us. We also thank God for giving us such a good, humble pastor, and for Brother and Sister J. B. Conner, of Jesup. Many thanks to all who prayed for me when I was sick. God wonderfully healed my body.—Mrs. Gatsy Rentz.

NICHOLLS, Ga.—I praise the Lord for saving me and giving me the Holy Ghost. I also praise Him for touching my body only a few days ago. I had high blood pressure. I began to talk to Jesus about it and now it's down again. Pray for my boy in Korea.—Mrs. Susie Gray.

McLAIN, Miss.—I praise God for what He has done for us. Our eleven-year-old daughter, was bitten on the leg three times by a huge moccasin. We prayed; my husband rebuked the poison in Jesus' name; and she was instantly healed. The doctor said a large circle of flesh would rot out around each fang gash (there were six long gashes) but each was no more than a pin scratch. God is so wonderful. She never stopped playing or missed a service or day at school. The town was amazed. God also healed us

meeting. She works very hard for the upbuilding of the church and the souls of lost men and women.—Mrs. Leon H. Granger, Reporter.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE EVANGEL FAMILY

This is to extend to all a cordial invitation to attend our 31st annual convention, which will convene in our Church of God Auditorium, on Fowler Street, in the beautiful city of Nassau, capital of the Bahamas.

This great feast will start on the 9th of January, 1951, and end on the 14th, D. V. There will be five services every day, including our evangelistic service every night.

We are looking forward to a glorious time and would be happy for you to be with us to help shout and sing the praises of God. Our dear Lord is coming very soon, and we want Him to meet us filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and laboring hard in His vineyard.

TRANSPORTATION

There will be airplane service direct from New York to Nassau; also, there will be daily airplane service from Miami direct to Nassau. And there will be some large passenger steamers coming direct to Nassau from New York and Miami.

We shall be looking for you to be with us and enjoy the rich blessings of the Lord in our great convention. Yours for a great convention.—William R. Franks, Overseer of Bahamas, P. O. Box 941, Nassau Bahamas.

of gas poisoning from a tightly closed car. The little boy had already collapsed but God answered and revived him. The days of miracles are not past. My husband was healed of severe gall bladder trouble. They told him at the hospital he would never be any better but God came to his rescue. We have two children who have been healed of rheumatic fever. Please pray for God to completely heal my body.—Mrs. O. G. Friddle.

MT. AIRY, N. C.—I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, and adding me to the Church of God. My mother died when I was fifteen years old, but I thank God for standing by me when my people forsook me. I still love Jesus for helping me through hard trials.—Florence Easter.

COLQUITT, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing my little boy of something like infantigo. I also praise Him for healing my little girl of fever and for healing my grandbaby. He is so wonderful.—Callie Mae Haire.

CASSATT, S. C.—I praise God for healing my sister's little girl. Her eyes were swollen so badly she couldn't see. I placed the Evangel on her eyes and prayed, and God healed her.—Tillie Hinson.

Poems



IF GOD FORGOT

If God forgot the world for just one day,
Then little children would not laugh and play;
Birds would not in the woodlands sing,
And roses would not beautify the spring;
No gentle showers throughout the summer long,
No autumn fields to cheer the heart with song;
No rising sun, no moon to give its light,
No placid lake to reflect the stars of night;
No friend to help us on the toilsome road,
No one to help us bear the heavy load;
No light to shine upon the pilgrim way,
No one to care, or wipe the tear away;
No listening to hear the lost one call,
No eye to see the righteous battler fall;
No balm of Gilead to dull the throbbing pain,
No one to comfort and the heart sustain;
Millions would die in unforgiven sin,
With none to bring the lost and straying in;
Yes, this great universe would melt away,
If God forgot the world for just one day.
—From Free Methodist.

WOULD I DARE?

By REV. M. D. HARWOOD,
PASTOR AT BESSENER, ALA.

Would I dare say, "Lord, I am Thine?"
Can I say, "I give my life to thee?"
Is there a reason within my heart
To say, "Thy servant I would be?"
What is there in this life of mine
That a great God like you can use?
Is my life so filled up with things
That you would reject, or refuse?
Is it possible that I cannot join
In holy communion, to sup with Thee?
Have I not made the consecration?
To make it, "I in You, You in me."
Is my mind and life too exalted
By selfishness and worldly pride?
Have I failed to fellowship my brother
Or invite him, "Let's walk side by side?"
To be thine, Lord, must I love Thee
With all my heart, mind, and soul?
Do you require whole-hearted service?
Must you all my life control?
I will make the consecration, O Lord;
Thine I'll be in spirit, truth, and love.
I not only dare, but yield completely
To the God of heaven above.
O Lord, the consecration I have made;
Thine and Thine only I will be.
I'll confess Thy name and take the yoke
Until thy glorious face I see.

CHRIST'S CHOICE FOR ME

CATHERINE S. MOZLEY

"So are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts," Isa.
55:9.

I would have chosen a sunlit path
All strewn with roses fair,
With never a cloud to darken my way
Nor a shade of anxious care.
But He chose for me a better way—
Not sunshine or roses sweet,
But clouds o'erhead and thorns below
That cut and hurt my feet.
I have deep joys of another king;
My Rose of Sharon is He,
And as for sunshine—His lovely face
Is perfect sunshine to me.

'Tis far better to let Him choose
The way that we should take;
If only we thus leave our life with Him,
He will guide without mistake.
We, in our blindness, would never choose
A pathway dark and rough,
And so we should never find in Him
"The God who is enough."
In disappointment, trouble, and pain,
We turn to the changeless One,
And prove how faithful, loving, and wise
Is God's beloved Son.

LIVING FOR JESUS

Rev. Carlie G. Butts

As I sit alone, with my heart toward God,
I think of the sufferings and the road that
He trod;
Straight and narrow was its way with Him,
Sometimes with an heartache which made
light dim.

"But yet," said my Saviour, "there's rest
beyond;
Just keep pressing onward until at last you've
won."
All heartaches and pain, we'll leave here on
earth,
When we start our new day for all that its
worth.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST JESUS

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should be accepted unquestioningly.
He asserted He was The perfect Ex-
ample of human character and con-
duct. He declared He would rise from
the dead and be final Judge of the
world. He claimed equality with God.
He commanded His disciples to follow
Him, sacrifice for Him, worship Him,
and, if need be, die for Him just like
they would for God.

Christ was all He claimed to be. He
did rise from the dead. Usually, when
a criminal is put to death his memory
is blotted out, but Christ lives today!
Christ has done and is still doing for
men what only God can do. Let us
call some witnesses for Christ. "Pilate,
what is your opinion of Christ?" "I
find no fault in this man." "And you,
Judas, who have sold your Master for
silver, what do you say of Him?" "I
have sinned in that I have betrayed
innocent blood." "What have you to
say about Christ, Centurion?" "Truly
this man was the Son of God." "John
Baptist, what think you of Christ?"
"Behold the Lamb of God that taketh
away the sin of the world!" "Peter,
what have you to say for the Master?"
"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the
living God!" "And you, Thomas, what
do you say of Him?" "My Lord and
my God!" "Paul, you have persecuted
Him. What do you say of Him?" "I
count all things but loss for the ex-
cellency of the knowledge of Christ
Jesus my Lord." "Father in heaven,
what do you say of Him?" "This is

Be careful, my friend, for the road is still dark,
But never from you will He depart;
If you keep His commandments, honest and
true,
In heaven some day it will be well with you.

Take a friend's advice; step aside from sin,
As daily you strive a life crown to win.
Then battle for victory, which soon will be
won.
And you'll hear Him say, "My child, well
done!"

I AM CONTENT

ELVA HORSMAN

I am content with simple things,
The joyous bird that ever sings;
The gentle rustling of the trees,
The droning hum of busy bees;
The silvery sheen the spider weaves,
The graceful falling of the leaves;
The golden glint of sunshine ray
That gleams across my path today;
The happiness that giving lends,
The cheerful greeting call of friends;
A playful kitten's grateful purr,
Contented as I stroke its fur;
By rippling lakes to oft reside,
Reflecting gold at eventide;
To watch the white gulls lazily
Sail to and fro beside the sea;
For luxuries I do not pray,
I am content to work and play;
The morning dawns for me to live
And freely of my service give;
No evil can my path befall,
For daily duties claim my all;
I find my happiness within,
And seek contentment's prize to win!

my beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased!"

A Chinese came to this country
years ago, and a Christian woman
seeking his conversion made him
promise to memorize the first three
chapters of St. John. Three days
later he came back to her with the
glory of God on his face. He said,
"When I started to read this book
(meaning the Bible) I was seized with
the overwhelming conviction that its
author was not dead like Mohammed,
or Confucius, but that He is alive!
I could not stop with three chapters,
but read on. The story of His death
took all the heart out of me, but when
I read His resurrection it corrobo-
rated what my heart had already told
me, and I have accepted Him as my
Saviour. With every drop of blood in
me I say, thank God for a risen Sav-
iour! I am not saved by a doctrine,
but a person! A living person! He
forgives sin; He bears burdens; He
works miracles. No wonder the Fa-
ther named Him Jesus."

The birth of Christ, His death,
resurrection, and ascension mean
everything to us today. We are as-
sured of salvation from sin in this
life, then eternal life in the end.
Christ is the exalted man today. Phil.
2:9, "Wherefore God also hath highly
exalted him, and given him a name
which is above every name." Some
day soon this same Jesus will come
in mid-air to gather His people unto
Himself. What a wonderful future the
Christian has to which to look for-
ward.

INTERESTING REPORTS

"KNOW-YOUR-CHURCH WEEK" A SUCCESS

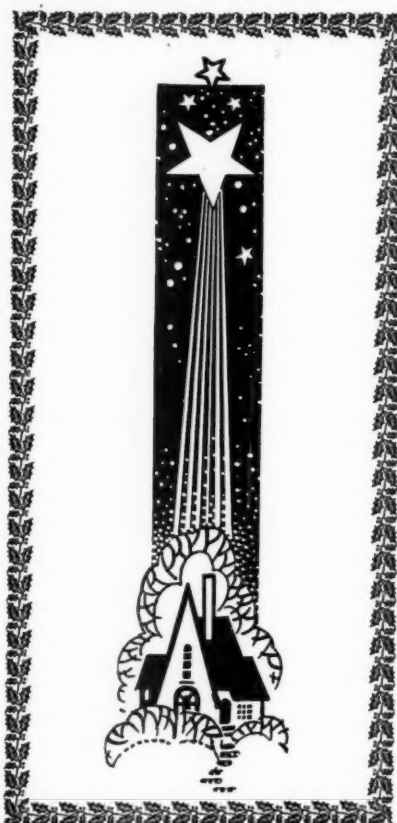
God is blessing out Phoenix, Arizona, way. After taking this church to pastor in September, I readily found a group of people that believed in doing things. Our "Know-Your-Church Week" was scheduled for October 22-29, in which time we not only learned more about the Church of God but we raised our Lee College quota, and just about doubled our Orphanage offering of last year. Also, an offering was taken for aged ministers, and, at the close of the week, we had our beloved state overseer, Brother Y. W. Kidd, to show pictures of some of the mission work. At the close of the service there was an offering taken in the amount of \$2,000. This was three times the amount of special offerings for missions of last year, and over. To climax the service there were five souls saved. Really, we can say that "Know-Your-Church Week" proved a blessing to us. Every department has been assigned something to do and the young people, with the L. W. W. B., is doing a great work in putting new windows and new pews, with other improvements, in our church building. We are aware of the fact that God is the author of these accomplishments, and may we ever see the mission spirit prevail at the Southside Church of God, Phoenix, Arizona. We wish to say that we are happy in serving this great church as pastor, and it is a pleasure to work with as fine a group of ministers as we have in Arizona, and under such a great man of God as Brother Kidd, overseer.—C. C. Rains, Pastor, 606 East Mohave Street.

NEBRASKA PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Nebraska prayer conference convened at the Wymore church, with all the ministers of the State, except three, there for the opening service. One more came in shortly afterward. This was one of the best prayer conferences I ever attended. It seemed that every minister was at his best and delivered the message that God had given him, accordingly. Our esteemed state overseer, Rev. W. R. Collins, full of the Holy Ghost and fire, handled the conference with the greatest of dignity. We love Brother Collins and enjoy working with him in the Lord's vineyard.

The prayer conference opened on Monday night at 7:30, with Brother Collins in charge, after which the WTCU of Wymore and Blue Springs gave us some wonderful things to think about, in their addresses to our conference concerning their fight against the awful curse of the land where people worship God. Then Rev. W. E. Dowdy, state overseer, of Kansas, so ably brought to us a great soul-stirring message from Heb. 6:19, and you who know Brother Dowdy can realize what a blessing he was. The house was filled

each night, and goodly numbers came every day to hear Rev. Houston R. Morehead, General Secretary and Treasurer, and Rev. Dowdy teach and explain the church and how it worked. On Tuesday evening we had a fine devotional service, with special singing, after which our dear Brother Morehead so wonderfully gave us a message from 1 Kings 14:6, "You Can't Do Wrong and Get By." The people are still talking about that message and the way Brother Morehead illustrated the fact that one can't do wrong and get by. Rev. B. M.



Woolwine, pastor at Pittsburg, Kans., brought a wonderful message from Prov. 29:18 and Acts 2:17. This, as all other messages, was in its place and well delivered. Brother Woolwine is a good gospel preacher, and his ministry in song added much to the success of the Nebraska prayer conference. Every church in the State was represented.—E. R. Bell, State Treasurer, Wymore, Nebr.

NEW CHURCH BUILT ON FAITH

ARCATA, Calif.—Having been impressed to come to this vicinity for two years to build a new church, I came here in September, but was about

to become discouraged as we couldn't locate any property that we could purchase. After a month's stay here, the Lord began to move, and we bought two acres of raw land. A month later we had our first building up. It certainly has been wonderful how God has helped us in building, as we had no building fund. We just began building, and as we would use material on hand God would move on other hearts, mostly sinner men, and we would keep building. We never had to stop for lack of material. We certainly praise God for it all. It has just been the hand of God. On November 12, we had our first service and organized a Sunday School with 32 present. We are looking forward to an old-fashioned revival soon. Pray that God will give us souls. There are no Churches of God in this vicinity. This is in the Redwood District, about 11 miles north of Eureka, and 4 miles north and one-half east of Arcata. Please pray for us and come up to see us as we miss the fellowship of Church of God people up here.—Calvin J. Rogers, Pastor.

WEST DURHAM COMPARES WELL WITH OTHER CHURCHES IN STATE

WEST DURHAM, N. C.—A great revival has just closed with the Rev. Walter Skutar as the evangelist. We have had some of the most wonderful revivals recently, but this one was the most unusual, in that God did bless in such a wonderful way. The Holy Ghost did His work in a marvelous way, and each night the altar was filled with seekers. There were 46 saved; 28 sanctified; 16 baptized with the Holy Ghost; 34 added to the church and 22 baptized in water. Brother Skutar is one of the best evangelists yet to come our way. God truly used him in a great way in bringing the lost to Christ.

Our church membership now stands at 314, and it is almost a 100% tithe-paying church. In comparison to other Churches of God in North Carolina, we are about fourth in membership; fifth in tithes paid into treasury; second in total tithes and offerings; second in L. W. W. B. offerings; first to being the fastest growing church in the State. Our aim: To be first in everything.

The Rev. Roland Verrico, pastor of the church, has been sent back to the church for two more years. He has already served four years, and he, with his wife, has worked without ceasing in order that the church might go forward for Christ. The pastor conducts a radio broadcast which is proving a great blessing to many souls here in Durham and vicinity.—Mrs. Alpha Adams, Reporter.

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The Name Above Every Name

By REV. C. H. FRANKLIN, PASTOR, KNOXVILLE, IOWA

It has been said many times by various people that there is nothing in a name, but down through the ages names have been given individuals which coincided with their character and abilities. The Old Testament Jews, for example, certainly believed in names with meanings. In Hosea 1, the daughter born unto Hosea there was named Lo-ruhamah, which means "having not obtained mercy." Later, we know the name was changed to Ruhamah, which means "having obtained mercy." This, of course, is speaking of the children of Israel, whom the whole book of Hosea is calling back to God, from whom they had departed.

Another example of the meaning in a name is found in 1 Sam. 4:21. We find that the daughter-in-law of Eli bore a son when the news came to her that the ark of God had been taken by the Philistines, and she named him Ichabod, which means "the glory of the Lord has departed from Israel." Since, therefore, it was a custom for the Jews' names to be meaningful, it was natural then that Christ, being a Jew, and the Son of God, should receive a name superior to all.

When a son is born into the home, the father delights to name that son after himself, therefore, one in the family generally has junior attached to his name. But the only begotten Son of God was not named after His Father, His heavenly Father, the God of all ages. Neither was it fitting that He be named after the archangel Gabriel, who stands in the very presence of God, and also the one who was sent to announce the birth of the Saviour to the virgin Mary. Nor was it fitting that He should be named after the archangel Michael, who cast the great red dragon, Satan, from heaven. And there could not be found among the great hosts of heaven a name suitable for the precious Son of God. His name had to be human yet His heavenly Father only, could name Him. His name was of such importance that an angel was sent to announce it and His birth before His mother conceived Him. In Luke 1:26-31, we

read the beautiful story: "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS." His name was given and nothing could change it. Its meaning is clear, as it is given in Matt. 1:21b—"And thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."

Here is a remarkable and true story that I should like to relate to you concerning the name of Jesus: A man by the name of Dr. Clinton N. Howard was a member of the National Reform Federation in Washington, D. C., several years ago. It was his high privilege as chairman of the World Peace Commission to attend the opening session of the conference for Limitation of Armament, called by President Harding at Washington during the early months of his administration. Among the high commissioners attending was a Mohammedan priest, whose great stature and foreign dress made him stand out among all the rest. During the whole course of the meeting, Dr. Howard noticed that the priest kept fingering a great strand of beads around his neck and mumbling some strange words at the same time. Mr. Howard made it his business to speak to this man who represented more than 250,000,000 people of his same faith. After being introduced he asked the priest the meaning of the string of beads around his neck. "String?" said he, "this is not a string," pushing the beads close together to disclose its character and color. "That," said he, "is a golden cord that binds my soul to my Allah God." "And the beads?" Mr. Howard asked. "Beads?" said he. "These are not beads; they are gems, gems of glory; they are jewels, jewels of joy; they are pearls, pearls of paradise! This is my rosary," he said. "Each one of these gems, jewels and pearls, ninety-nine of them in all on this cord of gold, represent the ninety-nine beautiful names of Allah, the God of the Koran, the holy book of my religion, and I was worshiping my Allah God, calling upon him by every one

of his beautiful names by which he is known in the book of my religion. I challenge you as a Christian to match my rosary! I have a better speaking acquaintance with my Allah by his full name, and I challenge you to match me, gem for gem, jewel for jewel, pearl for pearl." Of course, Dr. Howard was speechless at the moment and could not match the names. It embarrassed him very much, and he went away without taking the Mohammedan's challenge. But it put him to thinking, and he went in an extensive study for all the names by which the Son of God is known in the Bible. His study disclosed that the name of the Son of God begins with *Jesus* in the New Testament and also ends with *Jesus*, and so He is the beginning and the end, and the first and the last. He found, also, that the first seven names of Christ mentioned in the New Testament were given by God Himself. Here is that mystical number "seven" which is found so many times in God's Word. The names are: *Jesus, Son of the Highest, Son of God, Emmanuel, Saviour, Christ, Lord*. Then he went on in his search and compiled all the names together which he called "Pearls of Paradise." I want to give these names to you and I trust they will be as great a blessing to you as they are to me.

He is called *Jesus*, the Young Child, the Nazarene, *Jesus of Nazareth*.

He is called *Lord*, the Lord *Jesus*, the Lord from Heaven, the Lord of Glory, the Lord of Righteousness, the Lord of the Holy Prophets, *Lord* and *Saviour*, my Lord and my God.

He is called *Jesus Christ*, *Christ Jesus*, *Lord* and *Christ*, the Lord's *Christ*, the *Christ* of God, *Lord Jesus Christ*, *Lord of Sabbath*, *Lord of Hosts*, *Lord of Heaven and Earth*, *Jesus Christ our Lord*, our Lord and Saviour, *Jesus Christ*, *Jesus Christ the Righteous*.

He is called *Saviour*, *Emmanuel*, *Teacher*, *Rabboni*, *Master*, *Governor*, *Lawgiver*, *Forerunner*, *Redeemer*, *Messiah*, *Shiloh*, *Deliverer*, *Mediator*, *Intercessor*, *Messiah* and *Prince*, a *Prince* and a *Saviour*, *Mighty to Save*.

He is called the *Surety* of a better Testament, the *Just One*, the *Holy One*, the *Holy* and the *Just*, the *Holy* and *Righteous One*, the *Holy One* of God, the *Faithful* and true Witness, a Witness to the People, a Leader and Commander of the People, the Consolation of Israel, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

He is called the *Firstfruits*, the *First Begotten*, the *Elect* of God, a Branch of Righteousness, the *Second Adam*, the *Last Adam*, *King of Zion*, the *King*

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... Some Things to Think About ...



FREELY GIVEN

The average American's generosity in giving for charitable purposes is more than keeping pace with his steadily increasing income. In 1949, for instance, a "statistically average" family had a gross income of \$5,004, from which it gave \$96.89, or nearly two per cent, to charity. In 1930, the same average family had an income of \$2,104, from which it gave \$30.36, a rate of less than 1.5 per cent.

The figures come from a survey of philanthropic giving made by the Russell Sage Foundation. The contributions include those to churches, educational institutions, community chests, health and welfare agencies, and any other organization where contributions are tax deductible.

In both 1948 and 1949, the study shows, giving in the United States exceeded \$4,000,000,000, more than \$3,500,000,000 of which came from individual donors. Corporation gifts and bequests accounted for the remainder.

Most liberal in proportion to their income are the very rich and the very poor. Low-income families, because of their preponderant numbers, contribute by far the largest portion of total philanthropic giving. In 1943, the last year for which fairly complete figures are available, it is estimated families with incomes of less than \$3,000 contributed more than 60 per cent of the total.

Interestingly enough, while individual giving has almost quadrupled in the 20 years between 1929 and 1949, bequests have remained fairly constant at a figure close to \$200,000,000

annually. The survey assigns no reason to this oddity. The report points out the importance of philanthropic giving in our social system: "Private gifts supported the pioneering ventures which now are accepted as essential public services in the fields of education, health, and welfare. In all these fields, philanthropy continues to give substantial aid to research * * * to innovations in practice * * * and to ongoing activities. Even where Government has assumed the chief burden, private agencies are still needed as a supplement, for comparisons, and to carry on experimental work."

It would, indeed, be difficult to imagine what life in this country would be today without philanthropic giving. Certainly, it would not be the same, either for the recipient or the donor.—*Chattanooga Times*.

WHY DECEMBER 25?

By Wickes Wamboldt

Why was December 25 chosen as the day on which to celebrate the nativity of Jesus? "Because," one would naturally answer, "that was the date on which Jesus was born."

But there is no evidence that Jesus was born on December 25. In fact, the evidence is to the contrary. December 25 comes during Palestine's rainy season. It is hardly the time of year when shepherds would be in the fields with their flocks.

Here is another point: Jesus was born in Bethlehem at a time when His parents and the rest of the people had gone there to pay taxes. It is not likely that a date during the nasty-weather period would have been selected as tax-paying time, when the people must leave their homes and many travel long distances in the wet and cold, over bad roads, with scant inn accommodations.

Furthermore, December 25 was not the date on which the Christmas festivities were generally held until about 400 years after the birth of Christ. There was a lack of uniformity among the early churches with regard to the date of Christmas. Some of them celebrated Christmas in April, some in May, and some in January. January 6 was the date on which the majority of the early Eastern churches observed the birth of Jesus. That date is still observed by the Armenian Church.

Why, then, was December 25 ultimately chosen to celebrate the birth of Jesus? Why not January 6? Why not some date in April or May?

one of the sweetest facts of the full-gospel story of Jesus Christ. God will have a people who will not accept the theory that the miracles of the New Testament are the forgeries of zealous disciples, but the putting forth of the power of the King who moved in the majesty of the glory of God. God will have a people who do not believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was a helpless victim and a martyr to a cause that He could not defend, but God's spotless Lamb, offered in the councils of eternity and slain before the foundations of the earth to take away the sin of the world. God will have a people who do not believe that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a scientific impossibility, but believe that He did rise from the dead, and that He lives forever on high.

God will have a people who will preach against sin without kid gloves. God will have a people who will condemn the world, the flesh, and the devil. God will have a people who will demand that the old man shall be crucified, put off, buried, and a new man put on to reign in holiness and righteousness in this life. God will have a people who not only believe,

Probably, the answer to those questions is to be found in the Christian church's policy of turning pagan feast days into Christian feast days, thus making pagan practices serve Christian purposes. December 25 used to be a great pagan feast day—the Feast of the Sun—widely and elaborately celebrated to mark the advent of the passing of the long winter nights and the short winter days. Light was again triumphing over darkness. From then on, the days would grow longer and the nights shorter. So the people feasted with joy and thanksgiving.

What could have been more appropriate than that the pagan feast commemorating the return of the fiery wheel, the lengthening of the days, the shortening of the nights, the triumphing of light over darkness, should have been replaced by the festival of the Christian Church in honor of the birth of Christ, the Light of Life?

As year after year, and century after century, the birth of Christ was commemorated, there grew up various social customs—such as the Christmas tree, the giving of gifts, and the preparing of special Christmas dishes—until Christmas became as much a social event as a religious observance. In fact, there is a strong tendency today to lose sight of all but the social side of Christmas, and that is a tendency which should be guarded against.

It is fitting that Christmas should be made a time of joy and good cheer. But the real purpose of the day, the purpose for which the early Christian church established it, should ever be borne in mind: the celebration of the birth of the Saviour of the world.

SOME PARENTS SAY:

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion!"

Why not? The ads will! The press will! The radio will! The movies will! Their neighbors will! Their business will! The politicians will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, and cattle. Should we ignore our children? No, says the Good Book. "Train up a child in the way he should go."—Pentecostal Evangel.

WHAT THE COMMUNIST DOESN'T KNOW

The saints of New Testament times fasted when they wanted to pray with real power. Now comes the Communist trying to tell us that, "You can't pray to God when you have an empty stomach." That shows how little the Reds know about the Bible and about contacting God.—*Bible News Flashes*.

CHRIST, OUR GLORIOUS SHEPHERD KING

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the seeds of the Church. If Rome will not preach the gospel truth, Martin Luther will preach it in spite of the thundering bulls of the Pope. And if the Anglican Church will not preach it, John Wesley will preach it; George Whitefield will preach it; and Charles Wesley will sing it, until the music of a sanctified holiness revival will ascend to the throne and glorify the mighty God. If other great movements will not preach it, then the Pentecostal movement will preach it. God will have people who will preach a blood-bought gospel that saves from sin, from all sin. God will have a people who will exalt Jesus Christ as God's divine Son. God will have a people who do not believe that Genesis is Jewish folklore, but who believe it is the true revelation of God's story of creation. God will have a people who do not believe that the miracles of the Old Testament are forgeries, but facts of the putting forth of supernatural power. God will have a people who will not preach the virgin birth as a pagan myth, but will preach it as

but know that the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire is the heritage of God's church, from the time Pentecost blazed in glory over Jerusalem in A.D. 30 right down to this very hour and this very moment. God will have a people who believe in divine healing as a provision in God's Word, for the healing of men and women who will trust Him to do it. He'll have a people who are watching and waiting for His coming, their loins girt about with truth, and keeping themselves unspotted from the world, looking for His glorious return.

In closing, I wish to relate just a little illustration that I read in one of the books of Dr. Lee, a great Baptist preacher of Memphis. He tells the story in his words and in the words of Dr. McKinley, sort of running the story together in the language of this gentleman and himself.

He said he used to take a book of fiction to bed with him, and as he lay there he would first examine the hero to see if he really was a hero. Then he would look at the heroine to see if she measured up. Next, he would inspect the villain to see if he really was a villain. He would go over the

plot. Then he would read until about midnight. By this time the hero would be in a millpond up to his chin chained to the mill wheel. The heroine would be away out in an old abandoned farmhouse roped to a table, and the villain would be in the saddle. That was a very trying time for the doctor, and he was nervous and unable to sleep, having read that far into the book. So he decided he would turn down a page and turn over to the last chapter to see how it all would come out in the end. When he did that he would find that the hero was no longer in the millpond chained to the mill wheel. The heroine was no longer in the old deserted farmhouse. And the villain had fallen over a cliff and broken his neck. The hero and the heroine were happily married and sitting on the veranda of their cottage home, and wee Johnny and Billy and May and Annie and Susan and the twins were all playing out on the front lawn. Then he would close the book and sleep like he was exhausted. The next time he picked up the book he would go back to the place where things were so bad. He would say to the hero, "Don't worry about the water. Everything is going to be all right some day." And to the heroine, "Don't shriek and cry so, little lady. You are going to get off that table all right. You'll get those ropes untied some day." Then he would say to the villain, "You rascal. If you knew what I know, you would not be so triumphant. You wouldn't be so exalted. You are riding for a fall."

Now that humorous experience illustrates in some degree what I am thinking about tonight. The times come when the battle is hard, and we are reading the book somewhere in there where the enemy is raging like a roaring lion, where it seems that he will be triumphant. We get nervous and restless, and we should just like to see to our own satisfaction how it is going to come out at last. We turn down a page; we go over to the last chapters of God's Book; and I'll tell you, it is a wonderful thing to see just how it is all going to come out. According to this Book, Jesus is coming to catch away a blood-washed bride from this old earth. His saints will be raptured. Hallelujah! Anti-christ will rise. The kingdom of Anti-christ will cover this world with a dark tyranny worse than man has ever known in all of his history. That tyranny and that darkness will rage over the earth for a number of years, perhaps seven years—three and a half years begin the darkest in all of the history of this old world. Then over there in those last chapters we see a picture of a marriage in the skies, and a marriage supper in the New Jerusalem, when God's saints are all home from everywhere, all the battles over, all the burdens laid down, and all sicknesses healed, then immortality, the happiest state of all God's saints from Adam right on down to the last one that is caught away in the last stages of the great tribulation. There is the picture—the marriage, the fellowship,

the sweetness, the glory over there, the song of redemption, and the song of triumphant "hallelujah's." I like to read it there in the 19th chapter of Revelation. Some people think we are noisy, and we disturb them and we bother them, but I read of a time when all of God's singers get home, a time when there will be a "hallelujah" like the voice of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunders, that will sweep over the habitation of God's blood-washed saints. I want to be there to add my "hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Hallelujah! I want to be there to say it when I'll feel like I'm contributing something to the hallelujah chorus that will sweep throughout all of God's glorious creation.

Then we shall say, "Now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth, and to the ends of all ages." We shall enjoy the glory with Him until time is old and grayheaded, until it lies down and dies on the bosom of eternity and is entombed in the forgetfulness of God. We'll be living with Him, and He will be great forever and forever and forever.

THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

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of Israel, the King of Saints, the King of the Jews, the Prince of the Kings of the Earth, the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, God Manifest in the Flesh.

He is called the Righteous Judge, the Judge of Israel, the Judge of All the Earth, the Desire of All the Nations, the Ensign of the People, the Captain of the Lord's Host, a Banner upon the High Mountain.

He is called the Messenger of the Covenant, a Minister of the Sanctuary, the Author and Finisher of Our Faith, Our Advocate, Our Advocate with the Father, Our Peace, Our Ransom, Our Passover, Our Great High Priest, a High Priest Forever After the Order of Melchisedec, King of Righteousness, King of Salem, King of Peace!

He is called the Man Christ Jesus, a Man Approved of God, our Elder Brother, the Firstborn Among Many Brethren, a Friend That Sticketh Closer Than a Brother.

He is called Good Master, the Master, Your Master, Your Lord and Master.

He is called the Horn of Salvation, the Captain of Our Salvation, the Brightness of the Father's Glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten, the Image of Invisible God, the Express Image of His Person, the Fulness of the Godhead Bodily, the Bridegroom, the Beginning of the Creation of God.

We have passed the Mohammedan rosary 106 to 99, but we are not through.

He is called the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Tree of Life, the Light of Life, the Word of Life, the Bread of Life, the Prince of Life, Life Eternal.

He is called the Water of Life, the Living Water, the Living Bread, the Bread Which Came Down from Heaven, the True Bread from Heaven, the Hidden Manna.

He is called the Door, the Door of the Sheep, the Chief Shepherd, the Good Shepherd, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, the Shepherd and Bishop of Your Souls, a Lamb Without Spot or Blemish, a Lamb Slain Before the Foundation of the World.

He is called the Vine, the True Vine, the Root of Jesse, the Root and Offspring of David.

He is called the Day Star, the Day Spring from on High, Heir of All Things.

He is called a Tried Stone, a Living and Elect Stone, a Sure Foundation, a Stone Chosen of God and Precious.

He is called that Rock, that Spiritual Rock, the Rock of Ages.

He is called the Light of the World, a Quickening Spirit, the Firstfruits of Them That Sleep, the First Begotten of the Dead, the Resurrection and the Life.

One hundred and sixty!

He is called Faithful and True Witness, the Apostle and High Priest of Our Profession.

He is called I Am!

He is called the Man of Sorrows, a Friend of Sinners, the Gift of God, the Unspeakable Gift, God Blessed Forever.

He is called the Head of the Corner, the Head of the Church, the Head of Every Man, the True Light Which Lighteth Every Man Which Cometh into the World.

He is called the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the One Altogether Lovely, the Fairest Among Ten Thousand, the Bright and Morning Star.

He is called the Power of God, the Wisdom of God, the Gift of God, the Word of God, the Image of God, the Lamb of God Which Taketh Away the Sin of the World, God's elect.

He is called the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega, Ancient of Days, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Blessed and Only Potentate, God with Us, God Our Saviour, the Only Wise God Our Saviour, the Lord Which Is, Which Was, Which Is to Come.

He is called the Almighty.

He is called the Son of Mary, the Son of Man, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the Son of the Blessed, the Son of Righteousness, the Son of the Highest, My Son, the Son of God, the Son of the Living God, God's Dear Son, the Son of His Love, the Only Begotten Son of God, and this is my Beloved Son in Whom I Am Well Pleased!

Last, but by far not the least, are the five names found in one verse, Isa. 9:6, Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

And so the great list of names are ended—208 in all. It is no wonder that we swell our voices in song as we sing "Precious name, oh how sweet!" And then again we sing, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know!" Surely, surely, His name is a NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME.

1949 A COSTLY CHRISTMAS—

560 killed in accidents in the United States. What will be the death count for Christmas, 1950?



The Business Manager Writes -

Dear Customer:

For years the ministers of the Church have wondered how we operate the Publishing House, on what basis we determine how much a person could buy, when he should make payments, etc.

As of last Assembly, we owed our Publishing House about \$90,000. Much of this is owed by our ministers. We are taking every step to help clear this and get on a real sound business basis. First, we are requiring a one-third down payment on orders, which is in keeping with our Government regulation. The balance is to be paid in two or three equal payments. The ministers are allowed a ten percent discount on cash orders only, and this merchandise to be for their own personal use. Song books and other materials are sold to everyone alike, with one exception. Full-time music teachers can purchase song books at a discount.

One thing that is helping the Publishing House most of all is that our ministers are finding out about our setting up a credit rating for all accounts. The rating is as follows:

A. Those whose accounts are paid every thirty days or who have made satisfactory arrangements.

B. Those whose accounts have gone over thirty days or whose payments are irregular.

C. Those whose accounts are over ninety days old or those who are very slow to pay. No credit allowed until account is paid and then two-thirds down payment is required on any order, with fifteen days to pay the balance.

D. No credit until account is paid in full, and then must pay cash for six months before credit rating is established.

You may judge from this what rating you have. This rating will be in effect by the first of February. We are giving everyone that long to get his account up-to-date. I am sure every minister will prefer an "A" rating.

Our records show that last month was one of the greatest months of receipts for the Publishing House. This proves that you are with us and are doing what you can to help your own business.

You can rest assured that we will do all in our power to be fair with each of you in our dealings. If at any time you find a mistake, feel perfectly free to call it to my attention.

Cecil Bridges.

If He Had Not Come

HARRY O. KUTZ, McMinnville, Tenn.

In the Christian best-seller "Streams in the Desert," by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman, there is a very striking Christmas meditation. In short, the story is of a preacher who fell asleep in his study shortly before the service on Christmas morning. He began to dream of the world to which Jesus had never come.

In the fantasy of the dream, he found himself searching through his home. He could find no little stockings hanging at the chimney, no Christmas trees nor holly. He walked up the street, but could find no churches with their heaven-piercing spires. He returned to his library and sat down to read, but every book about the Saviour had disappeared.

His doorbell rang, and a messenger bade him visit a poor sick mother. He hastened with the weeping child, and as he reached her bedside, a glance told him she was a dying woman. He leafed through his Bible to find a few of the favorite comforting passages he had so often used on occasions such as this, but—lo! the pages were all blank after Malachi. There was no gospel of hope to offer her. In his frustration, he bowed his head in kindred grief with the dying, and soon the woman died. Two days later he stood at her grave and conducted the funeral, with no message of consolation, no glorious hope of resurrection, only "dust to dust, ashes to ashes" and one long eternal farewell.

He finally realized the sad plight of a human race without a Saviour or the glorious gospel of salvation. He began to weep bitterly at the conclusion of his sorrowful dream and was suddenly awakened by the triumphant singing of his own church choir as they blended hearts and voices in the great Christmas hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful." When he finally realized that all that had transpired in the experiences still fresh in his mind were only the fabrication of a bad dream, he burst forth in shouts of joy and praise to his newly appreciated Saviour.

In this glad season of the calendar, it is utterly unthinkable that Christ

might not have come. The Church of God, which we love and give our lives for, is founded on Jesus Christ and would have no excuse for existing at all if He had not come. Can you conceive life without the fellowship of the sweetest, truest, most godlike people in the world?

When Mary laid her babe in Bethlehem's manger, she presented to the world, in bodily form, the Promise of promises, Hope of hope, and Peace then and yet unknown to wordlings. In Him are all nations blessed. All peoples draw benefits from the influence of His life. Without His coming, the world would surely have long since been without form and void, for modern civilization has His teachings for a cornerstone. Everywhere His message has gone, the people have prospered



in all phases of life. His is the message of the highest moral order. It lifts humanity to a higher plane. In every remote section of the world remaining unevangelized by His messengers, there are to be found fear, superstitions, paganism, and anything but a happy existence. History in retrospect is replete with the transformation of whole nations when a revival of His glorious gospel broke forth upon the people. Educational standards for all were raised. Governments were formed in the light of His teaching that all men are created equal, and that with God there is neither Jew nor Greek, nor bond nor free.

It is no wonder that we celebrate the Christmas season as the greatest of all the holy days, for it reminds us of the coming to earth of the One who has brought about all that is dear and precious to us today.

In a service in the "Mission to Israel" of San Francisco, Harry A. Ironsides finished his message to the Jews who attended there. The meeting was then thrown open for discussion of their problems, the answering of questions, or the giving of experiences. One old Jew arose and addressed the unbelieving Jews. "This is Passover Week among you, my brethren. As I sat here, I was thinking how you will be observing it. You will have put all leaven away from your houses; you will eat 'motsah' (unleavened bread) and the roasted lamb. You will attend the synagogue services, and carry out the ritual and directions of the Talmud; but you forget, my brethren, that you have everything but that which Jehovah required first of all. He did not say, 'When I see the leaven put away, or when I see you eat motsah, or the lamb, or go to the synagogue'; but His word was, 'When I see the BLOOD, I will pass over you.' Ah, my brethren, you can substitute nothing for this. You must have blood, Blood, BLOOD!" As he reiterated this word with ever-increasing emphasis, his black eyes flashed warningly, and his Jewish hearers quailed before him. "I was born in Palestine," he continued after a pause. "As a child I was taught to read the Law and the Psalms, and the Prophets. I early attended the synagogue and learned Hebrew from the rabbis. At first I believed what I was told, that ours was the only and true religion, but as I grew older and studied the law more intently, I was struck by the place the blood had in all the ceremonies outlined there, and equally struck by its utter absence in the ritual to which I was brought up." He concluded his testimony by relating his experience at a gospel mission where he heard the preacher explain how the blood of the Saviour was the blood of the new covenant. At last, his quest was finished; he had found the blood that was missing in his experience with God. Think, then, my friend, what would be our plight, if He had not come. But thanks be to our God, He did come, and it is again our privilege to celebrate His birth. Merry Christmas to all.

Christian Greetings -

TO OUR MACEDONIAN CALL FAMILY—MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD!

From your Missions Department comes sincere Christian Greetings on this beautiful memorial celebration in honor of the **BABE OF BETHLEHEM**, the God of very God, incarnate, born of a virgin, the Son of God, the manifestation of the Godhead, the Creator of the Universe!

Isn't it wonderful to think what His coming has meant! He, the Light of the world, brought "joy to the world," redemption for mankind, proof of the resurrection, the assurance of eternal life, and never-dying hope that the Great Shepherd and Bishop of Our Souls will take us to heaven with Him when He comes again.

The message which the Holy Spirit has been echoing and re-echoing thousands of times through interpretations in these last days is, "Behold I come quickly"; "Go ye": "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then shall the end come."

The coming of Christ is the great end of creation and redemption. It is the day for which all other days were made, the one climaxing event to which all other things point as true as the magnetic needle points to the magnetic pole. But remember, when Christ Jesus went away He said, "I am going now. There is one thing you must do: go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. When you finish, I will come back."

Do you want the Christ of Christmas to return? What are we going to do about it?

Of earth's approximate two billion people, 65 per cent are still waiting to hear the gospel. The Bible and portions of the Gospels have been translated into 1,185 languages and dialects, but the peoples of 1,789 languages and dialects have no Bibles. There are over a thousand tribes still unreached, as follows:

- 350 tribes in Africa—not one missionary
- 300 tribes in South America—not one missionary
- 100 tribes in Northern India—not a missionary
- 75 in Siberia; 60 in China; 60 in Indo China;
- 60 in the Philippines—all with not one missionary!

We are so thankful for all your cooperation in the past, and now it is for us to re-dedicate ourselves afresh to the unfinished task that lies before us.

WE NEED ONE THOUSAND PIONEER TRAIL-BLAZERS

These are needed to go to the new fields and reduce the spoken languages to writings, and several thousands of others using aeroplanes, helicopters, and every means of transportation to penetrate the darkness, to take the gospel recordings in the the native languages to remote sections, to carry inexpensive special radio sets built to receive only from gospel stations, to turn on the loud-speakers and let the gospel echo through the jungles until all men have heard the story of the Saviour's love and of a pending judgment on unbelievers. The apostle Paul and the disciples almost evangelized the whole known world in their day, without the assistance of modern transportation and equipment. The gospel is (still) the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Believe it, preach it; heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils, restore sight to the blind, and cause the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

This year, in the light of the facts that face us in this restless, ungodly world engaged in another undeclared war, when the god of commercialism has pushed aside our Christ and exalted Santa Claus, would you not like to do something in appreciation of the most wonderful Gift of all ages—God's Gift—His only Son, our Saviour?

It is the season to give. I believe you feel as I do—that you want to give where your gift will spread the gospel the farthest. This Christmas, make a missionary happy. Help him take the gospel into a new field, Write us. We have some definite suggestions. Remember, we send as you direct.

—J. H. Walker, Sr.,
Executive Missions Secretary.



WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Despite the gloom of war pervading the atmosphere of this Christmastide, we have an anchor of the soul, and that anchor is Christ Jesus the Lord.

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins," Matthew 1:21. Jesus! How precious is His name! Jesus! the Answer to all our doubts, the Earnest of all our hopes, the Remedy of

all our ills and weaknesses, the Supply of all our needs. Jesus! our Power. Jesus our Righteousness, our Redemption, Sanctification, Baptizer, and coming King.

May His grace abide with each of you and keep you throughout the coming year.

—Rev. and Mrs. Houston R. Morehead and family.